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CAMELLIAS

The Camellia is one of the world's most honored flowers. This is as it should be. Not alone for their great beauty of blossom and foliage, but they are among the hardiest plants in cultivation and require only the simplest culture.

There are the appealing singles with their large petals symmetrically arranged around showy yellow stamens, semi-doubles and full doubles either of the peony or formal flat type. The color scale ranges from the purest white through many shades of pink and red, and an infinite number of variegations. There is a type for every conceivable taste. We are interested, primarily, in the best varieties, and are constantly adding to our already select stock both through collection and hybridization.

A location on the north or east side of a building, or any semi-shady position protected from the mid-day and afternoon sun should be selected; and do remember that good drainage is of first importance. The required acid condition can be supplied by mixing one-third each of peat, well rotted leafmold and good sandy loam. Fertilize about the last weeks of April, June and August with a balanced commercial acid food specially prepared for camellias. Work it in lightly as the roots are near the surface.

Flowering of the different varieties begins in October and continues to the end of April. As a cut flower, the Camellia is a worthy rival of the Orchid, and, as a decorative evergreen which may be depended upon for luxuriant foliage throughout the year, it is unsurpassed.

From early October through April, the numerous varieties offer a continuous and ever changing pageant of thousands of blossoms. You may feel free to come in and enjoy them at any time.

Prices according to size and variety.

The new and rare varieties are marked with an asterisk * Period of bloom indicated by months after each variety.

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CAMELLIA JAPONICA

white

ALBA PLENA: True type and justly rated the best of all white sorts with snow-white chiffon-like flowers, to 4" in diameter, of incredible symmetry. A good grower and free bloomer; of bushy, spreading habit. Light green foliage. Jan.-Mch.

AMABILIS: A tall grower bearing in profusion wide open single flowers of good size. The stamens flare displaying the showy golden anthers to great effect. A rapid grower with the best of foliage. Jan.-Apr.

CAPRICE: A double creamy white with high center and gardenia-like texture, from 4" to 5" in diameter. This bushy type with its heavy dark green foliage is distinct and charming. Jan.-Mch.

DEAREST:* (Finlandia) Rare. It is indeed difficult to adequately describe this distinguished flower. A large semi-double of perfect form whose swirled petals of wondrous texture surround the showy golden stamens, stiffly erect. A prolific bloomer of compact habit and perfect foliage. This Camellia leaves little to be desired. Dec.-Mch.

FIMBRIATA:* (Alba Plena Fimbriata) Rare. Blooms identical with Alba Plena with exception of the petals which are gracefully imbricated and fringed on the edges. A more exquisite flower would be hard to imagine. Jan.-Mch.

LOTUS:* The largest of the semi-double whites. Its exquisite water lily form shows to advantage its spectacular golden stamens. Profuse bloomer. Of rapid and upright habit of growth with long, glossy, dark green foliage corresponding in size to its enormous flowers. New and rarely beautiful.

MONTIRONI:* (Elizabeth) A delectable flower with great appeal; compact, double with incurved petal edges. Large glossy foliage and a strong grower and profuse bloomer. Bears an occasional shell-pink flower. Jan.-Mch.

NOBILISSIMA: A pure white with tightly curled paeony center edged with a double row of broader petals. Medium sized blooms. Upright grower and free bloomer. Nov.-Mch.

PINE CONE: Is decidedly suggestive of its name with its wavy petals and high center. A true double and fine bloomer. Very lovely. Feb.-Apr.

PURITY: One of the loveliest. Pure white and perfectly symmetrical in shape. Flowers unusually large and beautiful, borne in great abundance. Tall, rapid grower. No good collection is complete without it. Jan.-Mch.

WHITE PERFECTION:* Closely resembles the Pink Perfection in size and form of bloom and is most desirable as a boutonniere type. Jan.-Mch.

variegated

AMABILIS VARIEGATA:* Identical with Amabilis but solidly streaked with carmine. The prominent orange anthers contrast delightfully with the colorful petals. Different and stunning. Dec.-Feb.

ARGENTINITA: A fluffy semi-double of medium size in softest pink streaked and spotted in rose. The stamens are interestingly interspersed throughout the crisp petals. Splendid foliage, bounteous bloom and spreading habit of growth. Dec.-Mch.

BARONNE DE BLEICHROEDER: This large double symmetrical camellia is of softest pink streaked in carmine. Has splendid foliage and a bushy, compact habit of growth. Dec.-Feb.

BELLA ROMANA: The most distinctly oriental of all camellias. Large, full double flowers to 4" across. Of a soft rose-pink crepy texture overlaid with streaks of carmine. Charming and unusual. Jan.-Mch.

CANDIDA ELEGANTISSIMA: (Nagasaki) This very large semi-double is a fresh glowing rose-red with huge dots and dashes in white. It lies very flat when fully open exposing spectacular stamens. Dec. Mch.

CHANDLERI ELEGANS VARIEGATED: An enormous flower of anemoneform to 7" in diameter. The center is a mass of overlapping and tightly curled petaloids edged with a double frill of large petals. Of a soft rose color variegated irregularly in white. Profuse bloomer and vigorous grower particularly adapted to espallier work against trellises and walls. Dec.-Mch.

DAIKAGURA: Bright rose-red splotched in white. A large full double camellia with center petals often reduced in size and twisted and curled. Is particularly clean cut and has very fine foliage. One of the first Fall bloomers. Oct.-Dec.

DONKLAERI: (California Donklaeri) A many petaled double in deep cherry-red marbled in white. Intense, unfading color. Makes a compact shrub. Jan.-Mch.

DUCHESS DE CASES:* In softest creamy-pink deepening in color toward the center petals. Of paeoniform. Jan.-Mch.

EMPEROR WILHELM:* A very fine large semi-double white and red with former predominating. Growth similar to Chandleri elegans. A superb variety. Dec.-Feb.

GAIETY:* An anemone type flower which reminds one of Chandleri elegans in form. The color, however, is a clear cherry-red mottled in white, and the outer edge of the flower is almost round. A very superior kind. Jan.-Mch.

GLOIRE DE NANTES VARIEGATED: (Fanny Bolis) An extremely large semi-double in soft rose-red blotched in white. A bushy type with one of the largest flowers of all camellias. Jan.-Mch.

GOV. MOUTON: This is a medium size flower, semi-double in oriental red splotched in white. Very gay and attractive. Dec.-Mch.

HERME: (Jordan's Pride) Known as the fragrant camellia. A large fluffy double in light pink margined in white, and streaked in a deeper pink. Golden stamens show when the flower is fully open. Heavy bloomer and vigorous grower. Jan.-Mch.

HIGH HAT:* A sensational large full double in softest pink daintily shadowed in white. Has a high center of frilled petaloids. One of the earliest bloomers with exceptionally fine foliage. One of our recent and very worthwhile introductions. Oct.-Dec.

IL TRAMONTO:* (Laurel Leaf) A very large formal double with slightly recurved petals. A beautiful soft rose with lighter silvery-pink inner petals. Pale and almost undiscernible variegations. Dec.-Feb.

KASUGA SHIBORI:* This medium sized formal flower has a charm all its own. Its rich-rose coloring is feathered in white in a most unusual manner. Dec.-Feb.

MADONNA: (Comte de Gomer) A full double delicate pink penciled and speckled in rose. These dainty blossoms are borne profusely on a well branched and rather dwarf shrub. Jan.-Mch.

MARGARET JACK:* (Aurora Borealis) A large and artistic semi-double white finely streaked in crimson. Very clean cut with large gardenia textured petals arranged in an unusual undulating form. Different and distinctly superior as cut flowers. One of our best and most recent introductions. Jan.-Apr.

MRS. CONFER:* (Variegated Uncle Sam) A sizeable symmetrical double in rose-pink variegated in white. Dec.-Mch.

PAEONIFLORA:* An exquisite and shapely large white blotched with pink. Fully double with a rather irregular peony center. Fine growth habit and glossy foliage. Jan.-Mch.

PRINCE ALBERT:* (Concordia) A fluted and frilled white with brilliant carmine streakings. Peony center. Charming type. Jan.-Mch.

PRINCESS BACHINACHI:* A small variegated full double flower that develops perfectly. A rich dark red marbled in white with stamens showing in some of the fully opened blooms. Profuse bloomer. Feb.-Apr.

SEASHELL: A small variegated semi-double in dusky pink penciled in a deeper tone. Has very good foliage and makes a most attractive shrub. Feb.-Mch.

TRICOLOR SIEBOLDI: (Wakenoura variegata) Is a dazzling beauty. Its waxy white semi-double flowers, with petals slightly cupped, are vividly streaked in carmine. Good foliage and erect habit of growth. Jan.-Mch.

pink

ANNE GALLI:* (Pink Bleichroeder) A typical Bleichroeder in every respect but color which is a soft lovely pink. Jan.-Mch.

CHANDLERI ELEGANS: (Francine) Identical with the more commonly known Chandleri Elegans Variegata, but without variegation. A clear rose pink flower that reminds one of a nosegay with a lace frill. Dec.-Mch.

DEBUTANTE:* A large and deep flower in dainty shell pink. Guard petals surround a huge center of numerous petaloids. A true peony and one of the choicest of all camellias. Nov.-Jan.

ENRICO BETTONI: A huge double of irregular form which lends it great charm. A lovely translucent pink which occasionally shows its yellow stamens. Jan.-Mch.

EMPRESS: (Grandiflora rosea) This huge picturesque flower is a semi-double with broad petals of brilliant salmon-rose surrounding a center of tall golden stamens. An upright grower with excellent foliage. One of the largest camellias in cultivation which should be seen to be appreciated. Jan.-Apr.

GENERAL GEORGE PATTON:* (Pink Purity) A large double glowing pink of exceptional form and texture. A bushy, upright grower and profuse bloomer, this variety has all it takes to make a perfect camellia. Our latest introduction. Feb.-Apr.

JOHN LAING: This attractive flower closely resembles Pink Perfection in size and form but is of a soft rose-salmon color. Very desirable for corsages. Jan.-Mch.

KUMASAKA: A large fluffy double of glowing pink. The center petals are curled and twisted to reveal a mass of golden stamens. An erect, vigorous grower and an exceptionally heavy bloomer. Rarely beautiful and one of the most sought after of all camellias. Jan.-Mch.

LADY HUME'S BLUSH:* A small formal double in pearly-white overlaid with soft blush pink. A charmer. Dec.-Feb.

LADY VANSITTART:* Is a most personable camellia of a rich rose-pink in a semi-double form. Has long crinkly holly-like foliage. Jan.-Mch.

MADAM HOVEY:* A full double imbricated cherry-pink. Very desirable. A free bloomer and low, compact grower. Dec.-Feb.

MAGNOLIAEFLORA:* A semi-double with broad, rather pointed petals arranged in tiers. Softest ivory flushed with pink. A true aristocrat. Jan.-Mch.

MARCHIONESS OF EXETER: An exceptional beauty in brilliant candy-pink. A giant in form and perfect in its arrangement of petals. Low growing with fine foliage. Dec.-Mch.

MEREDITH LAKE:* (Della Robbia) Rare. Although listed under the pinks, this beautiful flower is really white with a mauve-lilac overtone. A semi-double of moderate size and gardenia-like texture that is truly a departure from the accepted colors of the camellia. Dec.-Mch.

PINK BALL:* A peony in delicate clear pink and a good flower in every respect. Jan.-Mch.

PINK ELIZABETH:* Identical with Elizabeth but of a soft even pink color. Incurved petals. Feb.-Mch.

PINK HERME: (Wings) In form exactly like Herme but its color is a greyed rose-pink. A very full blossom with frilly wing-like petals. Has attractive yellow stamens and an illusive fragrance. Jan.-Mch.

PINK PERFECTION: An old favorite but still one of the most popular of all camellias. The medium sized flowers are of a soft and even shell pink, exquisite in their symmetry and delicate texture. Blooms intermittently from Oct. to Mch.

RHAPSODY: Its gay rose-pink unusually large flower is a full semi-double measuring between 6" and 7". Displays numerous golden stamens. Jan.-Mch.

ROSITA: Rose-pink flowers of medium size and symmetrical form. A bushy vigorous grower and one of the finest late bloomers. Feb.-Apr.

RUBRA VIRGINALIS:* A paeony type in a luminous shell-pink. Broad guard petals and a rather small tufted center. Jan.-Mch.

SALMON QUEEN:* A very lovely soft pink with a slight salmon cast. A true peony of fine texture and size. Jan.-Mch.

SHALIMAR:* A delicately fragrant pink of medium size and informal shape. The foliage is particularly good and its blooming season one of the longest. Jan.-Apr.

UNCLE SAM: This charming Camellia is a large symmetrical double in variable rose. A good grower and heavy bloomer. Dec.-Mch.

VALTAVAREDA: A cup-shaped flower of perfect symmetry with pale-pink center petals shading to a deeper rose on the outer petals. A strong grower, well branched and with the finest foliage imaginable. Jan.-Mch.

red

ARAJISHI: (Aloha) A large and full paeony type in a dark salmon-rose. Oct.-Feb.

BLOOD OF CHINA:* A very large and regal velvety red of paeoniform. Fine deep green foliage with serrated edges. Good habit of growth and a heavy bloomer. Fine outstanding variety. Feb.-Apr.

BRILLIANT: A large full-double scintillant red. A free bloomer of compact habit of growth. Jan.-Mch.

C. M. HOVEY: (Col. Firey) This very large camellia, the dark red of a Hadley rose, seems almost artificial in its exquisite symmetry. Is from 4" to 5" in diameter, flat in form and one of the freest flowering and most admired of all camellias. Jan.-Apr.

COVINA: An informal double rose-red of bright and lasting color. Blooms freely over a long period and makes a fine compact specimen. Jan.-Apr.

ELENA NOBILE: Quite unique is this flame-red double camellia opening to show a mass of bright yellow stamens. Strong grower and late bloomer. Mar.-May.

EMPEROR OF RUSSIA: A fine large geranium-red with its golden stamens irregularly interspersed throughout the blooms. Has exceptionally fine foliage and compact growth. One of the best reds. Jan.-Mch.

MADAME JANNOCH:* A uniform semi-double carmine-rose of medium size and good texture. The guard petals are broad and slightly indented. Wavy center petals. Dec.-Feb.

MATHOTIANA: (Julia Drayton) A heroic double rose-red of exceptional beauty. The petals are wide and surround a stiff column of yellow stamens. Foliage large, dark and handsome. Jan.-Mch.

OTOME RED: Deep cherry-red flowers of medium size. A double flower with informal broad petals; the yellow stamens showing at the center. Jan.-Mch.

POPE PIUS IX:* A large imbricated double vermillion of perfect form. A free bloomer and one of the finest. Feb.-Apr.

PRINCESS BACIOCHI: These large flowers are double and slightly cupped. A free bloomer in deep rose-red and very, very lovely. Jan.-Mch.

PROFESSOR CHAS. S. SARGENT: This flower of medium size is a dark red ball of incurved petaloids, edged with a frill of broader petals. Free flowering and a sturdy grower. Jan.-Mch.

RED DAIKAGURA: Is a deep, clear rose-red form of Daikagura. Has the same characteristic foliage and blooming season. Brilliant and clean cut. Oct.-Mch.

ROMANY: These rosy-red blossoms, closely resembling Pink Perfection in size and form, are among the first to appear in early winter. Desirable for corsages. Oct.-Feb.

TE DEUM:* A huge double brilliant red of anemoneform. The broad guard petals surround a generous center of small and large petaloids. Unquestionably one of the finest reds with large, lustrous foliage. A fast grower and generous bloomer. Jan.-Mch.

VEDRINE:* (Ruby Glow) One of the most desirable reds obtainable. While its early flowers are variable, it is usually very large and perfect. Strong and upright growth. Dec. Feb.



CAMELLIA SASANQUA

The simple and ethereal Sasanquas will completely win your heart. They are informal both in blossom and habit of growth. These single and semi-double flowers possess the fragrance as well as the appearance of the wild rose and their loose-branched, semi-trailing habit of growth makes them particularly adaptable as a ground cover or for espallier treatment on trellis or wall. Their cultural requirements are the same as for other camellias.

BLANCHETTE: Is a pure white single which reminds one of the Dogwood bloom. Very sturdy and upright, with dainty grey-green foliage. Oct.-Jan.

BRIAR ROSE: Single and clear pink which resembles the Wild Rose. Has small dark green foliage and a flaring habit of growth which makes it particularly desirable for espalliers. Oct.-Jan.

HEBE: Exquisite single deep rose-pink flowers borne in great profusion. Very vigorous growth which is both upright and spreading. Bronzy green foliage. Oct.-Feb.

MININA: Has one of the largest and loveliest flowers of the Sasanqua group. Color a soft lilac; has charming and different foliage and is a splendid type for espalliers. Oct.-Jan.

TANYA: Deep rose; foliage dark and glossy; weeping habit of growth. Delicately beautiful with its deep colored, fragile flowers against the dark foliage. Oct.-Dec.

WHITE DOVES: Words are inadequate to describe the delicate beauty of this trailing sort with its quantities of feathery, semi-double snow-white flowers.